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For: **TELEPHONE ANSWERING SYSTEM WITH  
COURTESY GREETING SELECTABLE  
AFTER CALL IS RECEIVED**

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the following. Attached hereto is a 37 C.F.R. §1.131 Declaration.

Applicants believe that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to IBM Deposit Account No. 50-0510.